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ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES 42531/DOB/ps **DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)** U.S. APPLICAT CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 unknown PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. 28 JANUARY 2005 1 JUNE 2004 PCT/EP2005/000870 TITLE OF INVENTION SELF-ORIENTING CASTER FOR PIECES OF FURNITURE AND THE LIKE APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Francescantonio MELARA Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. X This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. X The US has been elected (Article 31). X A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). has been communicated by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). is attached hereto. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. **X** Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. × have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). X An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT 10. Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 11. 🗶 An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 12. X 13. X A preliminary amendment. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. A substitute specification. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.

A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.

A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

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Sir,

Applicant desires processing of the above International Application in the national U.S. phase under P.C.T..

This is to enclose:

- 1) Transmittal letter in duplicate; Authorization (Form PTO-1390) to collect US \$ 490.=;
- 2) Assignment to EMILSIDER MECCANICA S.P.A. + Deposit Account Order for the Assignment fee in the amount of US \$ 40.=
- 3) Specification and claims with combined declaration and power of attorney duly signed on August 18, 2006 and attached thereto for the above Patent Application;
- 4) Seven formal drawings accompanying the specification;
- 5) Preliminary Amendment with new claims 15 to 28 and new abstract of the disclosure;

We further enclose the following documents:

6) Notification of the International Application Number and of the International Filing Date; + Copy of the Request;

- 7) Notification of transmittal of the International Search Report and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, or the Declaration;
 - + International Search Report and cited references;
 - + Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(b);
- 8) Notification concerning transmittal of copy of International Application as published or republished + copy of Publication of International Application;
- 9) First Notice informing the Applicant of the communication of the International Application to the designated offices.

The priority date of the Italian Patent Application BO2004A000352 of June 1, 2004 is respectfully claimed. The Certified Copy was duly submitted at WIPO.

Please place of record in the file the enclosed papers and kindly acknowledge receipt thereof.

Will you please collect <u>immediately</u> the credit specified in the deposit account order, so as to allow the Application to receive an earliest possible filing date:

<u>UPON RECEIPT</u>.

Thanking you in advance,

Respectfully submitted

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